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## CALIFORNIA STATE THREAT ASSESSMENT CENTER

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#### **(U) CALIFORNIA**

##### **(U) Vallejo – Couple Charged With Running Methamphetamine Pill Press from Elder-Care Facility**

(U) A Vallejo couple was indicted on several drug-related charges yesterday after the two allegedly ran a methamphetamine pill press out of an elder-care facility. Henry Benson, 37, and Roselle Cipriano, 35, both of Vallejo, were accused of manufacturing, possessing and distributing methamphetamine while running an elder-care facility they owned in Vallejo and possession of a firearm in furtherance of drug trafficking. The facility was searched on 7 February, and agents seized a pill press, 31 pounds of methamphetamine packaged into pills, 17 pounds of what was believed to be methamphetamine, other powders and manufacturing equipment, and a shotgun, according to the release.

SOURCE: 21 February 2019, [Sacramento Bee](#)

#### **(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER**

##### **(U) California – Authorities Foil Attempt to Smuggle Methamphetamine within Gas Tank**

(U) Salton City – El Centro Sector Border Patrol agents working at the Highway 86 immigration checkpoint arrested a man suspected of smuggling methamphetamine yesterday. The incident occurred when a 30-year-old male US citizen driving a 2002 Mercury Mountaineer approached the checkpoint. A Border Patrol canine detection team alerted to the vehicle. Agents sent the vehicle to secondary inspection for further investigation. While in secondary inspection, Border Patrol agents discovered packages hidden inside the vehicles gas tank. Agents determined that the substance was consistent with the characteristics of methamphetamine. The total weight of the methamphetamine discovered was 48.4 pounds, with an estimated value of \$125,840.

SOURCE: 21 February 2019, [US CBP](#)

#### **(U) NATIONAL**

##### **(U) Ohio – US Marshals Arrest Man Accused of Planning Mass Shooting**

(U) Youngstown – US Marshals arrested 28-year-old Cameron White after he made threatening posts on social media about a mass shooting. A warrant was issued for White's arrest about posts that White was "planning a massive shooting real soon," according to US Marshals. Police in the Detroit area contacted US Marshals because it was believed that White was hiding in Youngstown before carrying out the shooting in Michigan. White is being held in Mahoning County until he can be extradited to Detroit to face charges of terroristic threats and computer crimes.

SOURCE: 21 February 2019, [WKBN](#)

##### **(U) Oklahoma – Eighteen Members and Associates of White Supremacist Gang Indicted**

(U) Tulsa – Eighteen members and associates of a white supremacist gang, the Universal Aryan Brotherhood, have been charged for their alleged roles in conspiring in a racketeering enterprise, kidnapping, and drug conspiracy. The indictment alleges the Universal Aryan Brotherhood (UAB) to be a racketeering enterprise which committed acts of murder, kidnapping, the trafficking of methamphetamine and firearms, money laundering, assault, and robbery throughout the State of

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Oklahoma. According to the indictment, the UAB is a “whites only” prison-based gang with members operating inside and outside of state prisons throughout Oklahoma.

SOURCE: 21 February 2019, [US DOJ](#)

**(U) Washington – Authorities Arrest Suspect that Threatened to Kill Sheriffs who Oppose Gun Law**

(U) Omak – A 23-year-old Eastern Washington man has been arrested after he allegedly threatened to kill county sheriffs who oppose the state's new gun safety initiative. Okanogan County sheriff's deputies took the man into custody Wednesday after he was tracked down to his hometown of Omak. The investigation began on 4 February after death threats were posted on Facebook towards the sheriffs of Washington State who have spoken out against Initiative 1639. The measure I-1639, among other things, makes it illegal for anyone under the age of 21 to buy a semi-automatic firearm, requires more extensive background checks and requires the safe storage of firearms.

SOURCE: 21 February 2019, [Komo News](#)

**(U) INTERNATIONAL****(U) Germany – Police Detain Two Suspects Believed to be Plotting Attack**

(U) Raunheim – A German-Moroccan couple was arrested yesterday in central Germany on charges that they were in the early planning stages of a terror attack amid an investigation into a suspected cell with allegiances to the Islamic State in Iraq and ash-Sham (ISIS). The couple, both 26 and have dual German-Moroccan citizenship, tried to travel with their young children to Syria in 2016 to join ISIS but were captured in Turkey and deported back to Germany. 200 police officers raided the homes of 12 other suspects in Ruesselsheim, Biebesheim, and Raunheim in Hesse as well as one in Kerpen in North Rhine-Westphalia. The nationalities of the other suspects were given as either German or German-Moroccan. The 12 others were between 22 and 33 years old and could face charges of accessory to planning an attack in Germany.

SOURCE: 21 February 2019, [Associated Press](#)

**(U) Mali – French Troops Kill Senior Islamist Militant**

(U) Timbuktu – French troops fighting Islamist militants in Mali have killed a one of the Sahel region's leading jihadists. Yahia Abou Hamman was the number two in command of Jama'at Nusrat al-Islam wal-Muslimin (JNIM), an umbrella group for al-Qa'ida-linked insurgents in West Africa's Sahara. The group claimed responsibility for a spate of attacks to disrupt Mali's election in July 2018, and more recent strikes in Burkina Faso. Violence by Islamist militants has proliferated in the sparsely-populated Sahel in recent years, with groups linked to al-Qa'ida and ISIS using central and northern Mali as a launchpad for attacks across the largely desert region.

SOURCE: 22 February 2019, [Reuters](#)

**(U) Syria – French Jihadist Linked to 2015 Paris Attacks Reportedly Killed In Syria**

(U) Baghuz – French jihadist Fabien Clain was reportedly killed in a coalition air strike on an ISIS group holdout in Syria. Clain first became known when authorities identified his voice in an ISIS group video claiming responsibility for the 13 November 2015 attacks in Paris. Clain reads a six-minute statement on the recording while another man, believed to be his brother, offers a rallying cry for Muslims to fight the infidels “without ever capitulating”. According to French media outlet France Info, Clain's brother Jean-Michel was also gravely wounded in the strike.

SOURCE: 21 February 2019, [France 24](#)

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